

Mayor and Council Strategic Focus Area Subcommittee Agenda **Transportation**

Thursday, March 23, 2006, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

ESTIMATED DURATION

TOPICS

5 min. 1. Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Update

Jim Glock, TDOT Director, will provide an update on ongoing activities in advance of the RTA election on May 16, 2006.

15 min. 2. Plaza Centro

Jim Campbell, Oasis Tucson, Inc., and Jim Glock will provide an overview of plans for the proposed Plaza Centro/Fourth Avenue/Congress Street area.

20 min. 3. **Detention/Retention Basins**

Frank Sousa of TDOT's Stormwater Management Section, will give a general overview of the future use of detention/retention basins for the control of stormwater runoff, with a particular focus on their implementation in association with the Houghton Area Master Plan.

10 min. 4. Extension of Financial Incentives

Jim Glock will discuss how financial incentives, such as the 2% construction sales tax credit offered to contractors for improvements in the right-of-way in the downtown region, could be applied to areas outside of the downtown.

10 min. 5. Use of Cell Phones While Driving

Cell phone use while driving has become a nationwide safety concern. Mary Okoye, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, will discuss legislation enacted by other jurisdictions as well as a bill currently being reviewed by the Arizona legislature prohibiting the use of cell phones while driving.

20 min. 6. **Miscellaneous Updates**

5 min. <u>Impact Fee Credits</u>

Andy Dinauer, TDOT Administrator, Engineering Division, will report on preliminary work undertaken by a task force assigned to develop a policy that defines 'capacity improvements' and how the City will go about calculating offsets.

10 min. Department of Corrections (DOC) Inmate Labor Program

As a follow-up to the presentation made to the Transportation Subcommittee in October 2005 regarding TDOT's participation in the DOC's Inmate Labor Program, Lee Gagnier, TDOT Administrator, Streets and Traffic Maintenance Division, will briefly outline the contract that has been drafted between TDOT

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and the DOC, and present the proposed public outreach program TDOT would undertake prior to using inmate workers in the community.

5 min. <u>Laos Transit Center Safety</u>

Ivey Schmitz, TDOT Deputy Director, will report on steps taken and planned to increase safety at the Laos Transit Center.

- 2 min. 7. Future Agendas Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19th.

 At this time, items may be suggested
 - 8. Adjournment